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Sorry, please find the amended claims below

216. (Amended) A method of voice communication comprising the steps of: providing a telephone network including a multiplicity of telephones interconnected by telephone network interconnections;

providing a computer network having a multiplicity of nodes;

enabling non-streaming Internet protocol communication between said nodes;

communicating to the telephone network a link to streaming audio via said non-streaming Internet protocol communication; and

~~network over at least a portion of said telephone network interconnections.~~ playing said streaming audio from said computer

221. (Amended) A method of voice communication comprising the steps of:

a telephone network including a multiplicity of telephones interconnected by telephone network interconnections;

a computer network having a multiplicity of nodes and enabling non-streaming Internet protocol communication between said nodes;

streaming audio link communication apparatus communicating to the telephone network link ^{to} ~~to~~ a streaming audio via said non-streaming Internet protocol communication; and

a streaming audio player operative to play said streaming audio from ~~said computer network~~ over at least a portion of said telephone network interconnections.

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I didn't get the proposed amendment(s) to claims 216 and 221.
Please email when get a chance.

Thank you
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-----Original Message-----

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Dear Mr Weaver,

We would like to offer our thanks for the time you dedicated to the interview with David Guedalia and Sanford Colb on October 8th.

In light of the issues discussed, we would like to note the following:

In order to focus our energies on the two items discussed in the interview (streaming audio over computer network to telephone and IM protocols providing 'buddy' lists via telephone), we would like to draw your attention to our amendments of Independent claims 216 and 221 which discuss Streaming Audio and to Dependent claims 5, 17, 27, 167 and 174

5. (Twice Amended) A voice communication system according to claim 221 and also comprising:

 a multiplicity of voice response computers, each voice response computer being connected to a node of said computer network and being actuated by an input received from one of said multiplicity of voice response computers via said computer network for receiving voice communicated via a non-streaming Internet protocol over said computer network and providing a voice output to a telephone via said telephone network,

 wherein the system also provides Instant Messaging

protocol functionality whereby communications are sent from user-selected destinations via said computer network.

17. (Amended) A communication system according to claim 1 and also providing Instant Messaging protocol functionality whereby communications are sent to user-selected destinations via said computer network.

27. (Amended) A communication system according to claim 2 and also providing Instant Messaging protocol functionality whereby communications are sent from user-selected destinations via said computer network.

167. (Amended) A method of voice communication according to claim 165 and also providing Instant Messaging protocol functionality whereby communications are sent to user-selected destinations via said computer network indicating that a user is communicating using a user's telephone via said telephone network with a user's voice response computer.

174. (Twice Amended) A method for voice communication according to claim 216 and also comprising the steps of:

connecting a multiplicity of voice response computers, each voice response computer being connected to a node of said computer network; and

actuating an input received from one of said multiplicity of voice response computers via said computer network for receiving voice communicated via a non-streaming internet protocol over said computer network and providing a voice output to a telephone via said telephone network,

the method also providing Instant Messaging protocol functionality whereby communications are sent from user-selected destinations via said computer network indicating that a user has communicated voice via said telephone network and said computer network using a user's telephone and a user's voice response computer.

Furthermore, please note the following support in the disclosure. for these 5 claims: See reference to 'ICQ' on Page 87 lines 19-24, page 88 lines

"The present invention is also useful within a "Instant Messaging protocol system." Such a system is based upon a "Instant Messaging protocol list," which is a list of friends, or members, who wish to be notified when any members of the list are on-line. An example of such a system is the Mirabilis ICQ ("I seek you") system for notifying the other members when a member of the list is connected to the Internet. Reference information on the ICQ system is available on the Internet at <http://www.icq.com>."

Respectfully yours,

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